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Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 1:04 PM
To: Lilley, Bliss; Collins, Carly
Subject: FW: EIS Scoping Meeting

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From: Lexa, Caroline A [mailto:caroline.lexa@ingenixconsulting.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 12:00 AM
To: Rankin, Dennis - Washington, DC; Plank, Mark - Washington, DC
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From: Lexa, Caroline A
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 10:56 PM
To: 'stephanie.strength@usda.gov'
Subject: EIS Scoping Meeting

Dear Stephanie,

Please ensure that the larger picture is addressed and a pragmatic approach is taken when reviewing the scope of the CAPX2020 project. I am a homeowner living near the proposed Brookings CAPX2020 line. The following are my families concerns:

* If there is an alternative plan that is less costly to rate payers, such as using local power and conservation, please look at this option seriously. Sometimes a simpler and less costly approach just makes sense.

* With the recession, people around me seem much more consciences about the money they spend on energy consumption. People are cutting back and being careful about their energy use. Please use recent forecasts that take into account the changing attitudes towards energy consumption!

* Please include the Brookings line with the scope, this is one large project. It's all connected.

* Please consider not only the visual impact but also the property value impact and the potential increased risk for cancer when reviewing the cost/benefits of this project.

* Please consider alternatives, such as local power generation and a no build option for the entire project.

* Please review the extent to which CAPX2020 will facilitate more coal generation and the environmental increasing coal generation.

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This federal scoping process is specific to only the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV project. As such, we have forwarded you comments to the project team dealing with the project with which you have raised concerns.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I am a parent of two very young children living on a farm that has been in our family for over 100 years. I don't want to have to choose between exposing myself to electromagnetic fields and leaving the farm we all love so much. But even if my particular family isn't considered, I'm just not sure this project makes sense. Is this really the best option? The least expensive? The most efficient? What if there's a better idea that would accomplish the power needs without disrupting so many lives? Couldn't we product wind power here? It's awfully windy at our house on the farm. Please consider the big picture, the entire project. Is this really the best way?

Best Wishes,

Caroline, Mike, Inga (age 3) and Vlad (age 2) Lexa

Webster, MN

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